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The Honorable Mary Peters
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Docket DOT-OST-2008-0252

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Dear Madam Secretary:

Please support and approve the application for antitrust immunity filed by American Airlines, British Airways, Iberia, Finnair and Royal Jordanian. Approval of this application by the U.S. Department of Transportation would enable these five **oneworld** alliance airlines that operate transatlantic service to work closely together to deliver highly competitive flight schedules, fares and service as well as compete on equal footing with Star and SkyTeam alliances, which currently enjoy broad antitrust immunity for transatlantic flights.

In addition, please support and approve the request by American, British Airways and Iberia to establish a joint business agreement for operations between North America and Europe, which would create a more efficient and comprehensive transatlantic network for the carriers' customers. This action will have a positive impact on air travel by offering customers more service, scheduling and pricing options and will help to ensure that customers continue to benefit from having three competitive air alliances.

In my over twenty years of business in the travel industry a lack of cooperation among the carriers has been the single largest obstacle to growth and customer satisfaction. Any alliance that would overcome this issue would be a very positive step forward in the future of the travel industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald F. Skinner", followed by a horizontal line.

Ronald F Skinner/VP, CFO

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